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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH: DEMARCHE ON ADDRESSING THE THREAT OF AVIAN INFLUENZA

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(SBU) Charge Judith Chammas met with Health Minister Khondaker Hussain on August 22 and delivered demarche on addressing the threat of avian influenza. The Health Minister said that although there have been no cases of avian flu outbreak in Bangladesh, the government is concerned about this threat and will take necessary action to address it. He also undertook to assign a senior level point of contact to facilitate further consultations on this issue.

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